



Questionable Taste Gazette

1993

**"You mean we have to
stay here until we reach
a decision?"**



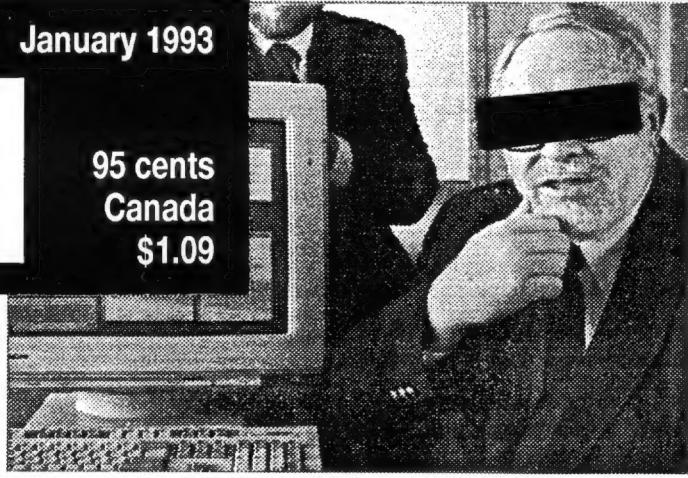
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Reveal
Math IS
Hard!*

How to eat a meal near a keyboard — *safely!*
It's a mouse AND a scrub brush!

January 1993

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Staff Slaps SCO with Look & Feel Lawsuit

CEO tells how
UNIX ruined his marriage.

Biff's Tips

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Beginning of time, 1970

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*Martin Luther
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begins*

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Programmer Sees Elvis in GUI!

Exclusive!



Why MT XINU
didn't Hire
Madonna. . . .

UNIX Eat!

by Mastador
from UTAH

as programmers
watch in horror

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*President's
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*Washington's
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February

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Silicon Squares Scandal Causes Static Fate in Hands of Lawyers

— 2 March 1993

Critics and grateful fans couldn't find enough compliments for the recent change from Hollywood to Silicon Squares. The show, which airs against PBS's Computer Chronicles, boasts celebrity guests Richard Stallman, Admiral Grace Hopper, Steven Jobs, Dennis Ritchie, Ken Thompson, Alfred Aho, Caspar Weinberger, Brian Kernighan, and in the center square, Charro ("Feliz Navidad!"). The revised show received higher ratings than any time in the show's twenty-two year history.

Network executives were estatic, and to tell the truth, mildly surprised. That was, until the ugly truth hit the fan.

Last Friday, PBS gossip columnist Coke® E. Coberts uncovered, in a tell-all interview with Paul Rubens, that Rubens had his hand in writing and then rehearsing answers with all nine panelists. Charro stated, in characteristic fashion, "Mea culpa, from the bottom of my heart, O.K.?" The other software stars had no comment. The fate of the new venture is now in the hands of copyright and patent attorneys.

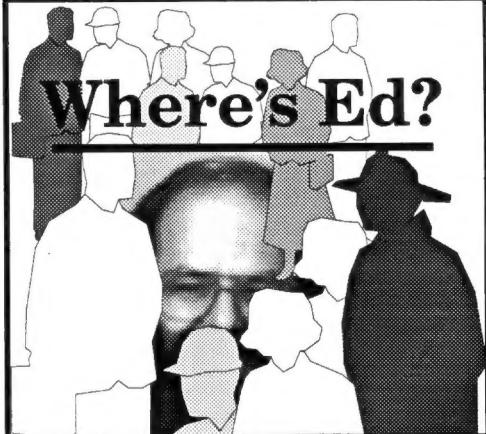
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put his hands on my shoulders and suddenly a surge

been to see? And I told them, Dr. Jesus."

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on TV

Housewife Kidnapped by Aliens

Kidnapped
housewife given
secret of parallel processing in
object-oriented environment.

"At first I was really mad. I was trying to watch the new Silicon Squares and this little guy interrupted," said Betty Yost of Fort Bragg. "He kept at it until I didn't know what I was

on," she said. "But, when he explained that I'd be able to parallel process, I didn't care whether the circle got Stallman's square or not."

Since her experience,

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March

and then the next thing I knew, the sheep were all gone, and now I've been hit with this lawsuit! Can you figure that?".

Biff Predicts



Famous industry watch dog raises a leg on the future:

- Bill Gates founds ashram in India.
- VAX rises from the dead.
- VMS market share grows.
- Stallman becomes major Apple shareholder.
- MT XINU changes name to Llevon.
- Elvis fingered as next Digital president.
- Government standardizes tax collection; paper tape chosen as exchange medium.
- POSIX committee incorporates JCL feature.
- 80% of palm tops sold in 1993 lost in handbags.
- /dev/null discovered under polar icecap.

pan cat as a career, which isn't surprising, when you stop to figure the cost of feeding 80 penguins. Even though the venture was not successful, Ken's exposure to multiple-module memories and interleaving prom-

when Dennis was home from the office for Christmas break and Naomi was four months into her pregnancy, the young couple decided, despite their mounting guilt, to try to make a break with the past

degree in computer science in 1989. Dennis accepted a job with a major software company. The young father had a close and affectionate relationship with his daughter. But as Naomi Dennis began to lay feathers and wear business suits every weekend together for feeding and shopping, Naomi keeps busy hitting the notes. Says Naomi, "I'm taking it one day at a time."

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Full Moon

*Daylight
Savings Time
begins @ 2 AM*

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Easter

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New Moon

18 USENIX
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Symposium
begins 19 20 21 22 23 24

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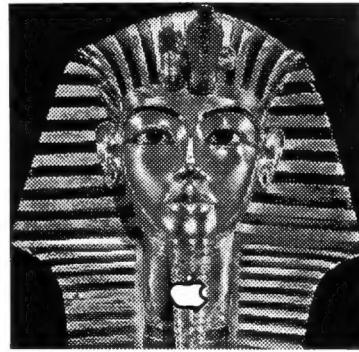
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Ask Biff

- "Other kids laugh at my floppies!"
- "My brother is a nerd. What can I do?" p. 3
- "My dad won't let me play with user interface guys."

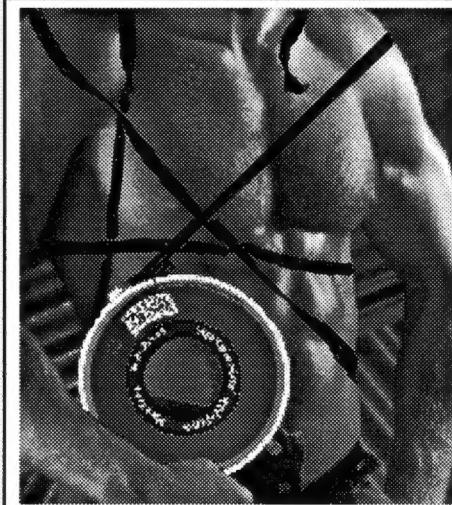


Logo discovered in
ancient pyramid.
Egypt sues Apple
over trademark.

DOCTORS WARN

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"Tape Drive lifts and power
cycling too much," they say.



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Dear
Biff
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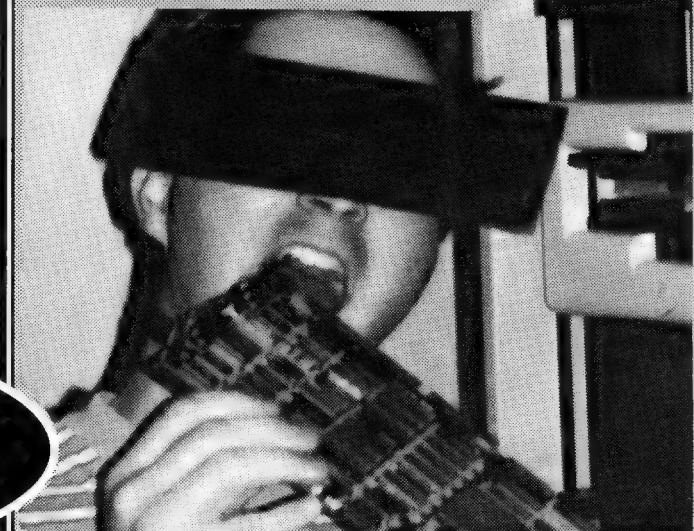
How New NT User became Impotent.

"I only tried it for a few minutes," he claims.



Scientists discover Michelangelo virus sexually transmitted!

Valley Guy Eats Mainframe!



Computer scientists reveal how piercing relieves bus constipation.

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<i>New Moon</i>	<i>Summer begins</i>					
<i>Father's Day</i>	20 <i>USENIX Technical Conference begins</i>	21	22	23	24	25
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June

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Biff's ★★★★☆

Star Talk ★★☆

Sagittarius: stay away from
spinning magnetic objects!

Aries: wild times ahead!

Leo: hostile takeover looms!

I used DOS,

but I didn't want my family to know.



Woman gives birth to computer child. Blames hacker.

“LOVING UNIX WAS EASY
UNTIL I GOT OUT OF JAI



*“I changed my diaper
pail for a bit bucket.”*



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<i>U.S. Independence Day</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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	<i>New Moon</i>						
18	<i>MT XINU incorporated 10 years ago</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
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Do you know the magic significance of the number 7? Have you ever wondered if there's some key that could unlock your ability to attain happiness? I am offering for a limited time only . . . Seven Dwarfs Analysis.

July

Are you a Grumpy? a Dopey? a Sneezy? Finding out might change your dull, ordinary, despicable, downright unpleasant little life into a fairy tale.

Celebrity Corner Recipes

Exclusive

Bill Joy shares his recipe for a summer drink with the look & feel of Coke.®

Across the country programmers use Sparc 10s for food preparation

10 easy meals: from boiling eggs with awk to preparing a 5-course meal with Ingres. . . .

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***Please Don't Take
MY LOVECHILD!!!***



— a mother's passionate plea —

Biff's Corner

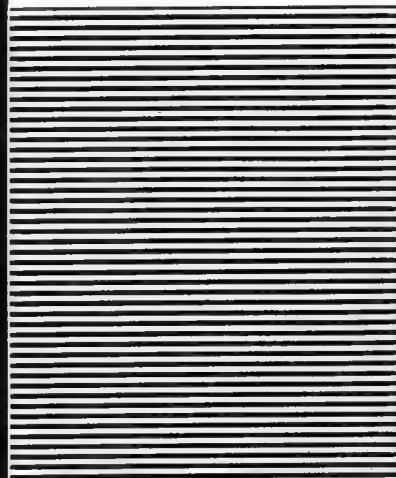
Our canine expert digs up dirt about Solaris 3.9, IBM, and foreign trade.

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	<i>Full Moon</i> USENIX Mobile & Location of Independent Computing Symposium begins					
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	<i>New Moon</i>				<i>System Administrators' Day</i>	
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August

Tabulation



FOR COMPUTER
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September, 1993

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What CEOs should know about
space aliens. The industry's only



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Biff Pokes: details, p. 3.

System Operator,
Mauled by Tape Drive,
Remembers the Horror.



"That's why we stopped allowing
refried beans in the machine room."

Critics Choice



DOS removers, do they
do what they claim?
An indepth look at leading

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& Other
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*USENIX
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Do you know the magic significance of the number 7? Have you ever wondered if there's some key that could unlock your ability to attain happiness? I am offering for a limited time only — Analysis for \$77 an hour. Madame Xinu. 555-7777.

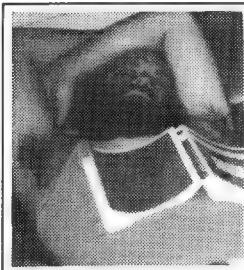
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merkin or goatee, for example.

actually. We were all pretty surprised about it, but you can tell from her quacking that she enjoys the work, and she does a good job, so we're just hoping that the university doesn't come down on us about the citizenship requirement." ☀

hold a grudge. If of it as tit for tat As far as hair ca can't find better Scheduling, pro shape analysis. A by it.

Space Aliens from buy MT XINU

Industry Analysts Shocked by Sudd

In a sudden hostile take-over, which surprised company founders, the Calendar Products division of MT XINU was acquired by Space Aliens, Inc. In a rapid re-organization, the OS development division was gutted, with 100% of the engineers jumping to the

CP division. Pr announced that software produ for the birds! T name to *Drib*. Fault-tolerant s hummingbirds.

For a short time, you can get that new party game everyone's been talking about ABSOLUTELY FREE. That's right, it's *Pin the Leg on Biff*!

You
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					<i>New Moon</i>	
10 <i>National Coming Out Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
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						<i>Full Moon</i>
24 <i>Halloween</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Standard time returns at 2 AM on the 31st</i>

October

SWM, VI, DBX, S/M seeks pipe into GREP with SQL DB.

SBP w/CTRL issues sks. window mgr. SHFT & META A+

MAC WEENIE DESPERATELY NEEDS BOOTING. NO SMOKERS, PLS.

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"I used to be afraid at night. I'd hide my code. But now, I'm a new person." — Shula Biermann

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7	8	9	10 <i>Veteran's Day</i>	11	12	13
<i>Sadie Hawkins Day</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
21	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)</i>	25	26	27
	<i>Full Moon</i>					
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November

We hear a lot of questions about what's fair. Daisy was quite resentful about the lay-off policy, but I don't know what she expected us to do. When push comes to shove, a poodle is a poodle!" ♣

On a Rampage, continued from page 2.

A coworker noted: "He was always a really quiet fellow, but pleasant. And he was more than just a technical writer. He was always composing poetry for our documentation. A lot of it was that weird techno-deconstructionist stuff, but hey, I can appreciate that modern stuff! Anyway, it turns out that all this time, he's been keeping a weasel under his desk We always did wonder about all those sandwiches he brought for lunch— three sandwiches a day! "

"So, he gets back from vacation, and finds his weasel dead as a doorknob, and he thinks the electric field from all the equipment we keep up in his office has killed off his weasel. He went totally nuts, spouting his poetry, and waving a piece of broken chair around. (We'd gotten in the habit of storing broken equipment in his office ... chairs and machines, old tape drives and the like ... I guess we just figured he didn't really mind, and then it just got to be a habit)...

hair really belongs to data!"
— Haley Jonson, client

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Ralston Purina Buys USL

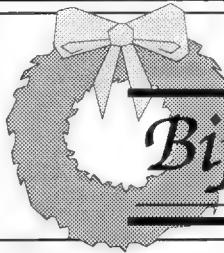
Provo — 2 December 1993

In the latest in a surprising series of takeovers, Ralston Purina quietly purchased controlling interest in UN*X Systems Laboratories. CEO of Ralston, Chuck Steak, boasted, "We're branching out to new markets."

The new system, which will change names from UN*X to "Diskchow®," is scheduled to be released in February

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Try your hand at writing



Biff's Holiday Tips

What to do with those write rings.
It's easy to make treats for neighbors

Holiday dazzle with 9-track tapes!
Twelve ideas! Why not surprise rel-

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	<small>New Moon</small>					
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19	20 <small>Winter begins</small>	21	22	23	24 <small>Christmas Day</small>	25
	<small>Full Moon</small>					
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December

This year,
folks,
you're on
your own.

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16	<small>USENIX Technical Conference begins</small>	17	18	19	20	21	22
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January 1994

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**This 1993 Calendar was conceived and produced by the sick minds
of the employees, hangers-on and street people in and around**

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